Cable T.V. Network

6689. SHRI R. DHANUSKODI ATHITHAN:
SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN
SHRI RAM NARESH SINGH:

Will the MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BRODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private parties engaged in the cable T.V. network covering various kind of programmes including the screening of foreign films through video cassette in the country;

(b) whether the Government propose to regulate the private business engaged in the screening of various foreign films and other programmes through cable TV network; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) No permission is required to set up a Cable T V Network within private premises. The details of the private parties engaged in this activity are, therefore, not available with the Government.

(b) and (c). The distribution of programmes by the Cable TV Networks is regulated at present under various provisions contained in the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, the Indian Cinematograph Act, 1952 and the Copyright Act, 1957, as amended from time to time.

Air Station at Palaght

6690. SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up an AIR station at Palaghat in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) No, Sir. There is no such approved sheme at present.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present more than half of Palaghat district in Kerala receives primary grade day time radio coverage from 20 KW MW transmitter located at Trichur. Steps have taken to augment the power of this transmitter to 100 KW. On its commissioning, practically the whole of Palaghat district will stand covered by radio coverage.

Overcharging by Drug Companies for anti-TB drugs.

6691. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that some drugs companies are overcharging for anti-TB drugs; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken or proposed to be taken to remedy the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINSTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN). (a) and (b). Government has not received any complaints regarding overcharging of anti-TB formulations. However, there are some reports of overcharging in respect of anti-TB bulk drugs. The matter is being examined in consultation with the concerned State Drug Control Administration, and action under